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District meets our entire approval; and we invoke the Divine Wisdom to bless and guide him in his efforts to make the new grade he may be provisionally called to act.

The re-opening of Grace Church, in this city, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, was well attended. The sermon was by Rev. Dr. J. M. Chapman, of Hartford, Conn., and Dr. Tru. Ter. J. A. M. Chapman presented an apt, earnest and eloquent discourse. In the evening there was a pleasant re-union. Rev. Dr. Chapman's address on the evening program was also made by Revs. Messrs. Lyman, Haven, Tru. McDonald, and Church, and by Enoch Snow, esq. The house has lost somewhat of its architectural symmetry by the removal of the pillars, but it has gained in beauty and interest. The new interior is as perfect as any place of worship, and is not surpassed by any church of any denomination in the city. The cost of repairs is about fourteen thousand dollars. The whole amount expended by this society for church

traded the labors of Roy W. Perkins, and the latter, in turn, was baptized, and more are coming. It was my privilege to baptize him.

Among the number was a mite, who gives as a motive for conversion his hope that he and his wife will be able to see the world.

Dickerson.—Rev. C. H. Vinton visits, September 10th.

God is remarkably visiting the peoples' prayer charge and down with his great salvation. The people are flocking to the prayer meeting in this Conference, but never so much so as at this date of history. A few days since we called to the attention of Bro. L. D. Benley, of the Providence Conference, who is laboring in the same cause, wonderfully succeeding his efforts. Many presented themselves at our altar for prayer, and the Lord, in and out of the church, promises a season of blessing, encouraging to secure a reason for the Lord's aid in the conversion of the people. "Well does thou good and faithful servant of the Lord, who has been so long in the power is truly in our midst. Will the loved Zion prosper?"

Bro. Conference.—Our correspondent "R. S." has the following interesting items: "Our Meetings, just closed, were seasons of great interest and power. A new feature in the program was the offering of the people to the committee of payment to purchase and prepare permanent ground with reference to convening the city of Albany, Troy, Schenectady and the surrounding cities. The offering was for the purchase of your own Albany's Vineyard. A new arrangement was also adopted at the meeting held at Sand Lake, N. Y. Expenses, viz., to charge an additional fee for teams going to the meetings. This was successful, obviating the necessity of taking cows and taxing the tents. There were one or two meetings where one took the ground, and the meeting was one of great spiritual power and profit."

The Potlatch District Camp Meeting was held with good results. There were only five tents, but over five hundred people, men and women occupied them. More than on the Troy District,—and some \$100 converted and many were renewed in love.

At the Albany District Camp Meeting there were over two hundred tents, and I am informed God's presence and power were wonderfully manifest,—more so than ever before in this region of country. Over one thousand were kneeling in prayer, and many converts and sinners were prostrated in every direction. Meetings on this District for the past three years have been of increasing interest and power.

Rev. B. Pomeroy's book promises to be a success. The third edition is already exhausted, and the fourth nearly so. I have before spoken of its unique title, "Shocks from the Battery." It is gotten up in a striking style, with a steel portrait

or sublime thought or sentence, and I hear others say it of me among the laity and ministry,"⁶ it is a rich source of strength and consolation to him who can do anything ever said or written by the greatest master minds."

Among the General Conference questions which interested the members of the Synod was the regulation of Conference boundaries by State lines. If this plan obtains, and I believe it is generally popular, we shall give to the Vermont Conference twelve appointments, and to each of the precluded systems, and to Massachusetts Conference, eight. These include three of our best charges, except the city of Hudson from the New York Conference, with perhaps several other appointments. It takes also the Ripley Female College to the Vermont Conference, but if we take Hudson from the N. Y. Conference, it gives us Hudson River Institute, at Claverack, and several other appointments. The thoroughness and perfection of drill in all its departments. This plan may however entirely reorganize our Conference, giving us Whitehall as our northern base, and leaving the Flatlands District into what may be called the Potsdam, or the Plattsburgh Conference, *Nova Ferraria*.

The question of lay delegation with us is settled. A few fellow Dr. Porter, but their shadows are cast upon the future of the Church. We desire among ministers and people for a modification of the Presiding Eldership. Let the Presiding Elders be appointed to charges, and elected by the Conference, is the prevailing sentiment.

General Conference Delegates.

In addition to those previously published:

Oregon Conference.—G. Hines, Dr. H. C. Benson. Reserve, A. E. Waller.

Pennsylvania Conference.—T. M. Fallerton, Reserve, C. P. Hackney.

Texas Conference.—Dr. A. J. Kynett, W. F. Brooks, H. W. Reed, D. N. Holmes.

Vermont Conference.—Dr. C. A. Holmes, J. H. Perry.

Des Moines Conference.—B. Mitchell, D. La Mont. Reserve, E. M. H. Fleming.

Illinois Conference.—J. S. Rogers, V. Rutledge, J. Leaton, P. Cartwright, J. H. Moore, E. Elliott. Reserve, G. C. Adams.

Minnesota Conference.—J. F. Chaffee, C. Brooks, C. Hubart. Reserve, D. Brooks, J. O. Rich.

New England Conference.—W. H. Phillips, H. Harburt, R. A. Caruthers, B. J. Baker, G. W. Farik, J. L. Smith, J. C. Johnson, J. C. Johnson, J. C. Johnson, Hiram Kingsley.

Southern Illinois Conference.—T. A. Eaton, A. B. Morrison, J. F. Williams, J. C. Williams, J. C. Williams, J. Van Cote, T. F. Davis.

Wisconsin Conference.—J. L. Loveless, John Decker.—James L. Roberts, Wilmore S. Elsey.

Conference Sessions.

St. Malines.—The session commenced on the 18th inst. with the reading of the minutes of the preceding session, Rev. H. B. Hancock, secretary. Fifteen preachers were received on trial; four were admitted into full connection and ordained as deacons; two re-admitted, and two expelled; superannuated members, 18; total membership, 1,282, and a large increase in the Sunday School.

Manassas.—The session was opened by Bishop Doane on the 18th inst. and closed on the 22nd, at 10 a. m. Rev. E. H. Waring, Nine preachers were received on trial; four admitted into full connection; one re-admitted; and one admitted from the M. V. Church; five superannuated members, 18; total membership, 1,253; and good progress in all the benevolent collections.

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